

Paddy Crop in Belgaum Taluk.

*Q.—162. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware that every year heavy damages are caused to paddy crop in Belgaum Taluk by floods of the Bellary Nala in rainy season ;

(b) how much area is thus damaged and how much yield is affected thereby annually ;

(c) whether any scheme to prevent this damage has been prepared ; and if so, when and what is the estimated cost ;

(d) when that scheme would be implemented ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the cultivators in that area have been representing the matter to the Government and if so, since when ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The extent of land annually affected and the value of crops damaged are as follows :—

	S. Nos.	Area
		A—G
1	Survey Nos. affected and their total area in the villages of Belgaum, Vadgaon, Madhavapur, Angol and Rajagaon.	288 580—05
2	Area sown under paddy crop.	580—05
3	Area affected under paddy crop	244—31
4	Approximate value of the paddy crop damaged.	Rs. 23,642.

(c) A scheme at a cost of Rs. 12.50 lakhs was at first thought of but this scheme has been dropped as it is found not feasible.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c).

(e) The cultivators have been representing the matter to Government since 1950.

Calling attention to a matter of Urgent Public importance

Re : Accidental fire in a cracker shop at Channapatana.

Sri B. J. LINGE GOWDA (Channapatna).—I beg to call the attention of the Hon'ble Home Minister to an accidental fire in a cracker shop at Channapatana on 16th October 1965 resulting in serious injury to three persons of whom one is reported to have died to-day and the death of three other persons of an adjacent shop.